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Applicant	:	Aronoff, et al.
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For	:	LOOSELY COUPLED DATABASE CLUSTERS WITH CLIENT CONNECTION FAIL-OVER
Examiner	:	Cheryl Renea Lewis
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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in the Notice of Allowance mailed January 30, 2007.

With reference to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner states that the prior art of record does not render obvious to one ordinarily skilled in the art at the time of Applicant's invention, nor anticipate the combination of claimed elements, including:

> "receiving with a first computing system one or more data requests from a client application over a first client connection, the one or more data requests requesting access to data of a first data file"; "associating a timestamp with each data request"; "forwarding replication data to the memory, wherein the replication data is sufficient to indicate changes made to the data of the first data file based on the one or more data requests and wherein each replication data includes a timestamp"; "when the one or more of the data requests are determined to be redundant to the one or more of the replication data based on the timestamps, purging one of (a) one or more of the data requests and (b) one or more of the

replication data"; and "moving the first client connection to the second client connection in a manner preventing the client application from failing."

Applicant notes that the above description appears to recite some of the elements of contained in independent Claim 1. To the extent that there is any implication that the patentability of Claim 1 rests on the recitation of certain features, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement. Rather, Applicant respectfully submits that it is the combination of all the features recited in Claim 1 that makes Claim 1 patentable.
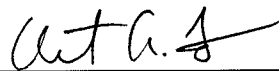
Moreover, to the extent that there is any implication that the patentability of the other independent Claim (i.e., Claim 17), and its respective dependent claims, rests on the Examiner's description of Claim 1, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement.

In particular, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the claims recites a combination of features that is substantially different then the prior art and that makes each of the claims independently patentable. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claims of the present application are allowable

Respectfully submitted,

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